

Plumas-Sierra Noxious WEEDS Management Group

“We Eradicate Exotic and Detrimental Species”

Notes of May 21st, 2003 Meeting

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Tim called the meeting to order at approximately 10:05 a.m. at the Plumas-Sierra Department of Agriculture's Boardroom, 208 Fairgrounds Road, Quincy, California. The meeting notes of March 12th, 2003 were approved with no corrections or additions.

SB1740 Project Updates

YST Control on Private Lands Cooperative Project

Tim reported that the yellow starthistle program currently has 19 people signed up to date with more rolling in everyday with a total amount of 322 acres, which is a little down from last year. We have some new participants, which are coming mostly from word of mouth.

Perennial Pepperweed on Private Lands Cooperative Project

Tim reported on the *Telar* range label, which is simplifying spraying for perennial pepperweed. Nine people are currently signed up for the tall whitetop program with a 40 acres participate also some neighboring property owners have not yet signed up.

Reports/Plans

Tim reported that the SB1740 quarterly report has been completed and distributed copies to the members. Tim also reported that it was a fairly quiet quarter with mainly Linda spraying roadside scotch broom.

Roadside

Linda reported she is starting to get going again it's been hit and miss with the weather. She is working on spraying tall whitetop in Sierra Valley and also working on Yellow starthistle and hitting some areas hard, which seems to be working well. Duane inquired about some tall whitetop in Sierra Valley. The group joined in discussion on roadside and private property issues. Chris discussed a site at Ganser Bar and Highway 70. Linda reported on some sites of tall whitetop reported by Ted Ramelli by the railroad tracks in Vinton and scotch broom on Ridge Road. Tim informed the group that *telar* now has rangeland/meadows label. The group also had discussion on various issues such as various herbicides, control methods, and bio-control. Chris reported that on the Plumas National Forest Proposed Action talked about other ways for weed control including hand pulling and weed wrenching. An EA would have to be done for Bio-Control also.

PNF Noxious Weed Treatment Proposed Action

Chris is working on draft #4, on draft #3 the main comment was what else are we doing? Chris is including other sites on the forest, not just roadside sites and should be completed in several weeks and given to Dave Stone, Eco System Supervisor. Then it will first be sent out the public, and then an EIS will need to be done. Chris is working with groups ahead of time to try to avoid the major public out cry. By the next meeting it should be in the 60-90 days review. Tim requested that he be informed of the comment period. Debbie will send all Plumas National Forest new sites to Chris using datum coordinates.

Plumas County Picnic

This year's county picnic will be held on June 7th. Linda is organizing and discussed the give-a-ways that will be available and also the need for volunteers to work the booth.

P.S.WEEDS Memorandum of Understanding

Debbie reported that the draft MOU has been completed, sent out for comments and all comments have been received. We are just waiting for the final approval from Plumas National Forest agreements office. Once we hear from them it will be able to be sent out for signatures.

2003 Strategic Plan

Debbie informed the group that Karl is in the process on working on a draft and will be submitted for comments shortly.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will is scheduled for Wednesday, July 23rd, 2003 at 10:00a.m. It will be held at the Plumas-Sierra Counties Department of Agriculture Conference Room, 208 Fairgrounds Rd, in Quincy, California. Agenda items may be submitted in advance or on the day of the meeting.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:03 am.

Meeting notes submitted by Debbie Rexroth, Plumas-Sierra Counties Department of Agriculture